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1. During May 1949 the attitude of the Partido Socialista de Nicaragua (PSN) toward Argentine officials in Nicaragua became more unfriendly than heretofore.\* PSN leaders who formerly assisted in the distribution of Argentine labor propaganda throughout Nicaragua have forbidden PSN members to continue tolerating propaganda in favor of President and Mrs. Peron of Argentina.
2. On 29 May, the Provisional Junta of the Casa del Obrero invited Jose Francisco Fornica, one of Argentina's two Labor Attaches in Nicaragua, to a party, and ignored Cosimo Francisco Piva, the other Attache. The latter attended anyway, as the guest of a Nicaraguan labor leader, Francisco Perez Grijalva.
3. For the occasion of the Argentine Independence Day on 25 May the Argentine Embassy sent 35 invitations to Nicaraguan labor representatives. Only 13 attended, and these were chiefly supporters of Somoza and members of rightist labor groups.
4. On 11 May at a meeting of the Provisional Junta of the Casa del Obrero the PSN members of the Junta complained about the manner in which the Argentine guests had entered the meeting of 1 May to the accompaniment of the Peron March, and they made the motion that a note of protest be sent to the two Argentine Labor Attaches in Nicaragua.
5. [REDACTED] that Nicaraguans Arnoldo Silva and Ramon Zuniga Perez have been distributing Argentine labor propaganda and preparing information reports on Nicaraguan labor activities. Silva is described as openly pro-Argentine. Zuniga, who was reported to be a secret PSN agent, now appears to be pro-Argentine. Abel Garay, a Nicaraguan Communist who has been seen in the homes of Fornica and Piva, is also believed to be working for the Argentines.

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**Comment.** The PSN policy shift with respect to Argentina has political connotations in Nicaragua. The most likely indication is that the PSN is contemplating attacking Somoza. However, the move may be in the nature of a threat, by which the PSN hopes to gain more freedom of action and recognized political standing.

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